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Mayor calls for less secrecy at HRM council

- Confidential staff reports could soon deal with sensitive issues
- Changes to in-camera rules still needs support of council



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Mayor Peter Kelly dropped a bombshell on his council colleagues yesterday when he sent out a press release announcing an overhaul to in-camera meetings.

"My eyes wide open and my mouth agape," said Coun. Debbie Hum, describing her reaction to reading the release yesterday at around 4:30 p.m.

She said several councillors, including herself, have questioned the mayor and solicitor on more than a few occasions on why certain items such as the oval's naming rights or what to do with Occupy Nova Scotia protesters were kept in the private meetings.

"We do have to respond to the

growing response of what residents are feeling and we're feeling as elected representatives that there's too much going in camera," she said.

Kelly said back then he was just adhering to "rules of the day" and following the solicitor's advice.

"Clearly, it's time to overhaul the way we conduct in-camera business," he said yesterday.

Kelly proposes all items appear on the regular agenda, and if council wants to discuss a particular issue in private, councillors will have to vote to send it in-camera.

Coun. Sue Uteck was aggravated that Kelly sent out the release to the rest of council at the same time as the media. Usually councillors get a heads-up, she said.

"I actually replied back (to the mayor) and asked if it was a joke



**"No more automatic
in-camera meetings."**

MAYOR PETER KELLY

or sent in error," she said. "All I can say is it's stunning and I now understand why the mayor doesn't understand conflict of interest because he doesn't understand his role as chair of council."

Kelly said he gets criticized for not showing leadership and for showing leadership.

"I'd rather be criticized for doing something than nothing," he said.



► Halifax Mooseheads forward Martin Frk fires the puck during practice yesterday at the Halifax Civic Centre.

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Frk gearing up for return

Frk has been cleared for contact at practice after missing the entire season so far due to a concussion. Story, page 28.

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Dal arena to come down next year

The Dalhousie Memorial Arena will be demolished next spring.

The university's board of governors voted yesterday to tear down the building in April 2012.

"Right now there are some issues with the roof of the arena in terms of long-term planning," said Charles Crosby, Dalhousie

University spokesman.

It would cost \$3-\$4 million to fix the roof of the 30-year-old building.

"At this point we're looking at a new fitness and wellness facility," he said. The next step is to look for someone who could design the facility.

"The plan is for it to include things like physio, a

cardio area, yoga studios and the like," he said.

It means there will be no ice anymore on the Dalhousie campus, but Crosby said a new arena is something the university could look at in the longer term.

"It's basically about assessing needs of the Dal community and the larger community," Crosby said.

The most extensively used fitness facilities on campus aren't frozen water.

"These are the kind of things that are in demand in the community," he said. "It would redevelopment of the site to optimize its capacity, basically."

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Looking for ice

▶ The university's two varsity teams use the arena along with intramural hockey, broomball and figure skating clubs. There are also public skates. Crosby said the university will help those clubs find alternate facilities by April.

Nothing compares 2 Prince in Halifax

► More tickets released yesterday for tonight's Prince show ► First time he will have played in Halifax



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It's a three-hour drive and a \$163 concert ticket, but it's worth it to see Prince.

In fact, the only thing Kathy Hicks of Digby is worried about is whether her sore throat will keep her from belting out some of her favourite songs during the party at the Metro Centre tonight.

"I probably won't be able to talk tonight," she said. "I am expecting a lot of energy and I don't think anyone is going to be sitting down."

Prince's Toronto concert reportedly lasted over three hours with six en-

"He's responsible for me enjoying music as much as I do now."

MELINDA "MEL B" SPENCER WITH 101.3 THE BOUNCE

cores.

Her love affair with the artist born in 1958 as Prince Rogers Nelson and formerly known as the Love Symbol, started about 25 years ago.

"He has crazy energy and he was huge back then when I was younger," she said.

"He's definitely different and I think he's one of the biggest artists to ever come to Halifax."

More than a few people

were put off by the ticket prices ranging from \$59 to \$163, but Hicks said that doesn't stop hardcore Prince fans.

"It's not stopping anybody," she said. "Any Prince fans will pay that to see him."

For Melinda "Mel B" Spencer who works at 101.3 The Bounce radio station in Halifax, Prince is at the top of her bucket list of must-see concerts.

"I think if you wanted to compare him to someone now it would be Lady Gaga to what he was when he first broke. He was doing things nobody had ever really done before," she said.

"He's a classic artist to a lot of people."



► Prince will be taking to the stage at the Halifax Metro Centre tonight.

Confidence rises with shipyard win

Consumer confidence in HRM, buoyed by the shipbuilding contract, is the highest it's been in nine months.

Corporate Research Associates released the results of a recent survey and found confidence reversed its downward trend and bumped up six points this quarter.

Overall, it came in at

100.3, up from 94.3.

It's highest specifically in Halifax and Dartmouth, the core areas most likely to benefit from Irving Shipyard's winning bid.

It's also highest for people 18-34 years old who stand the most to gain over the long term.

In fact, Canada's consumer confidence was up for the month of October

thanks to "an incredible rise in Atlantic Canada," according to the Conference Board of Canada's Index of Consumer Confidence released yesterday.

Confidence levels in the rest of the country stayed low in October, but an increase of 15.3 points to 84.5 in Atlantic Canada is being credited for the turnaround. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN



► Halifax shipyards

Driver charged after man hit

LOWER SACKVILLE. Police say a 35-year-old woman is charged with impaired driving after a man was struck on a residential street in Lower Sackville late Monday night. Halifax RCMP say the 22-year-old victim suffered serious but non-life threatening injuries.

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November is traditionally a strong month on the markets, says Allan Small, but this year a large sell-off has wiped out gains made in October. More at metronews.ca/investing

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Four charged in alleged fraud scam

► Accused were arrested and then released in 2009 pending further investigation ► RCMP seized three autos



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Four men will appear in a Dartmouth courtroom this morning to face charges of fraud.

Police said yesterday the charges stem from a six-year investigation into a complex scheme involving fake Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) and insurance fraud.

Cpl. Angela Hawryluk, with the RCMP Federal Enforcement Section, said it started in 2005 when they received a call from police in Alberta.

"They had a vehicle where they thought there was something wrong with the VIN," she said.

It turns out the accused were allegedly obtaining certificates of registration for non-existent vehicles

Accused

Appearing in court today:

- Timothy Dooley, 52, from Dartmouth, charged with three counts of fraud, three counts of possession of stolen property.
- Stephen Fredericks, 49, from Halifax, charged with one count of fraud.
- Dale Bourassa, 52, from Mount Uniacke, charged with one count of fraud.
- Dalton Cain, 34, from North Preston, charged with one count of fraud.

using falsified documents, and getting insurance policies.

"Pay a couple months premium on that then report the vehicle stolen.

Of course it's never going to get found because

it never existed in the first place, and then you get an insurance buy-out," Hawryluk said.

She said there were two cases where there were "large" insurance payouts for cars that never existed.

But that's not all.

The men are also accused of cloning VIN numbers.

These cloned VINs allegedly replaced the VIN numbers on stolen cars so they would look clean if police ran a check.

In one case, she said an innocent family was out the cost of a vehicle when they found out they unknowingly bought a stolen vehicle with a cloned VIN.

Police are urging car shoppers to verify a car's history using services like Carfax or Carproof.

Police ID 3 males in Kirwan-related images

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Police say three males identified in images showing them walking in the parking lot of Big Al's Convenience store in New Glasgow around the same time Amber Kirwan went missing are not considered suspects in the case.

The RCMP asked for the public's help in identifying the males yesterday relating to the Kirwan murder investigation.

There were three photos released in total, two of which were grainy, along with a video from the store's security camera.

The images were released by police at 12:36 p.m. and the males were identified at 1:27 p.m.

"We are not disclosing what our specific investigation steps are, but I can confirm the individuals



► Amber Kirwan

have been identified and we are interested in speaking with them regarding anything that they may have seen that evening," said RCMP spokesman, Const. Brigdit Leger.

"The only reason we want to speak with these individuals is during the course of our investiga-

"It's still very much an active case. We are still following up on a number of investigative leads."

SGT. BRIGDIT LEGER ON AMBER
KIRWAN MURDER INVESTIGATION

tion we obtained footage that showed they happened to be in the area."

Kirwan, 19, was last seen alive as she left Dooley's in New Glasgow on Oct. 9 at 1:36 a.m.

She was headed towards Big Al's to meet her boyfriend, but never arrived.

After a massive search, her body was found in a wooded area of Heathbell on Nov. 5.

Leger said the photos and video of the three males was from 1:58 a.m. on Oct. 9.



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Bowater future still uncertain

- Mills get power break, residents pay more
- Consumer advocate Merrick happy with URB decision



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A three-year discount on power rates won't guarantee the beleaguered Bow-

ater mill will stay open, according to owners Resolute Forest Products.

Pierre Choquette, a spokesman with Resolute, said the company is currently reviewing the Utility

and Review Board decision that grants Bowater and the NewPage mill a three-year break from Nova Scotia Power's Inc.'s load retention rate.

"We see it as a positive development," Choquette said yesterday. "Although we need to evaluate this decision (further) and look at the impact of this decision in the ... coming weeks."

One thing is certain, other ratepayers will be picking up the slack.

The average rate across all customer classes will increase 5.1 per cent as of Jan. 1, 2012. The residential rate will increase 6.1 per cent.

Consumer advocate John Merrick said the board's decision was a good one, noting NSPI's rate of return on investment — basically how much the utility can make — was reduced significantly.

Resolute takeover

► The UARB's decision came on the same day Resolute made a \$130 million takeover offer for a pulp mill north of Quebec City.

Premier Darrell Dexter said while another rate increase may be unpalatable, it's the result of being shackled to fossil fuels.

"Nobody likes to see higher rates, obviously," said Dexter.

"(But) what the government is trying to do ... is to get us off fossil fuels, and get us to stable long-term rates, and that's our focus. In the meantime, of course, we end up living with the results of past decisions."

As for the Bowater situation, Dexter said the province is looking for a long-term fix as opposed to having to "limp" from year to year.

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School board members fired over broken bylaws

Nova Scotia's education minister fired all 12 elected members of the South Shore Regional School Board yesterday, citing a report that concluded they broke the board's bylaws, were beset by conflict of interest and held too many in-camera meetings.

Ramona Jennex called for a review after the board asked for help in July amid allegations that some members were trying to avoid a public discussion of possible school closures.

Jennex has appointed former provincial deputy minister Judith Sullivan-Corney to oversee the board, which is in charge of 32 schools in Lunenburg and Queens Counties. Sullivan-Corney will serve until school board elections are held in October 2012.

"The conclusion from the ... report was that the board wouldn't be able to heal itself," Jennex said outside the legislature. "It does say that even with outside support, they did not feel that the board had the ability to provide the leadership needed."



► Ramona Jennex

The review by Deloitte cites a litany of deficiencies, including mistrust of management, a focus on personal agendas and poor communication.

Deloitte also found the board acted contrary to the Education Act and its own code of ethics, which it said may have undermined public confidence and the quality of education.

It's the third time in five years that the provincial government has disbanded an elected school board.

That includes in 2006, the Halifax Regional School Board's 13 elected members lost their jobs because they could not stop bickering among themselves, the government at the time said.

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Unions have say on labour bill

► Business lobby accused of 'fear mongering' over first contract arbitration



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Union representatives got a chance to rebut the business community's concerns over first contract arbitration yesterday.

The legislature's law amendments committee met for a second day of public presentations yesterday on Bill 102, which would make Nova Scotia the seventh province to introduce first contract legislation.

First contract arbitration allows a newly certified union or their employer to seek third-party arbitration in the event of a breakdown in negotiations. Business groups — as well as the province's opposition parties — have warned the legislation would tip the scales in favour of unions and prevent investment in

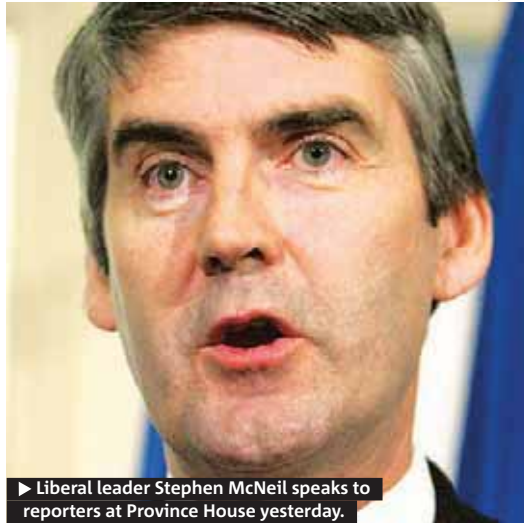
the province.

But Canadian Auto Workers Atlantic Director Les Holloway said the legislation isn't the "economy damaging creature" it has been made out to be.

"Rather, in the jurisdictions that it does exist (in), it actually helps avoid strikes and lockouts by deterring bad faith bargaining while respecting a worker's right to join a union," said Holloway.

Nova Scotia Government Employees Union President Joan Jessome said the biggest problem in labour relations in the province is the delay between unionization and the first contract.

She brought with her five of her local members to describe what she calls "inordinate" delays — although the opposition Liberals noted all three were negotiating with the



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► Liberal leader Stephen McNeil speaks to reporters at Province House yesterday.

government, not private business.

Earlier in the day, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil revealed two amendments to the legislation he described

as "must-haves" for his caucus.

The Progressive Conservatives have committed to opposing the bill in all forms.

PROVINCE

McNeil presents Bill 102 changes

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It didn't take long into the public-consultation process for Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil to propose amendments to a contentious new labour bill.

Last week, the Grits abstained from joining their Progressive Conservative counterparts in further delaying Bill 102, which would introduce first contract arbitration in Nova Scotia.

McNeil said that while his party opposes FCA, he wanted to hear from the public at the legislature's law amend-

ments committee.

After one day of those presentations, McNeil held a press conference yesterday offering two amendments to Bill 102.

The first would require parties to prove there was a breakdown in negotiations before seeking third-party arbitration. The second would expand the Labour Board's powers to put the newly certified union and employer back at the bargaining table.

"(The amendments) are must-haves for us," McNeil told reporters.

For their part, the Progressive Conservatives will continue to oppose first contract arbitration in any form — despite being unable to stop the majority NDP from passing the legislation.

"If you're opposed to the bill, you're opposed to the bill. And that's where we are," said Tory Leader Jamie Baillie.

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► The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia has extended creditor protection for NewPage to Jan. 20. In court documents, the mill — which lost \$50 million US over the past year — argued it has made progress on a sale of assets.

Final NewPage offers expected by Dec. 16

► About 1,000 people were thrown out of work either at mill or in forestry operations when plant closed

The court-appointed monitor overseeing efforts to restart a shuttered Port Hawkesbury paper mill says final offers to buy the plant are expected in two and a half weeks.

Mathew Harris, a spokesman for Ernst & Young, said yesterday that there's a clear timeline to conclude negotiations with four remaining bidders for the plant.

"We've drawn a rather firm line with the potential purchasers to say get your final offer to us with as few conditions as possible by Dec. 16," he said.

Court date

The judge has ordered the parties to return to court on Dec. 21 to report on their progress.

He made the statement after the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia approved an extension of creditor protection from Dec. 9 to a new deadline of Jan. 20.

Harris said two of the bidders are interested in operating the factory, while two would wind it down and sell off its assets.

The mill was shut down

in September after struggling with soaring fuel and electricity costs, a strong loonie and waning demand. The company lost \$50 million US over the past year, according to a court affidavit filed by NewPage.

Archie MacLachlan, a vice-president of the union that represents NewPage workers, said his executive has held talks with Paper Excellence and will now hold talks with a second potential buyer.

"It's on hold, we're not done with them yet," he said of the talks with Paper Excellence. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

WORKER LOCKOUT

Acadian to suspend bus service

Acadian Lines says it will shut down its intercity bus service in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island on Friday because of an impending strike.

The Amalgamated Transit Union has given strike notice to the company, saying its members are set to walk off the job at 6:30 a.m.

Friday. Acadian Lines responded by giving a lockout notice to the workers.

The company says operations in the two provinces will cease at 6:30 a.m. Friday.

Company official Marc-Andre Varin says Acadian Lines decided to cease operations rather than have any passengers stranded on a moment's notice due to the labour dispute.

The company says some runs in Nova Scotia could be affected as well.

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Accident witness found

RCMP say they have located a woman who came upon the scene of an accident last Thursday that killed two teenage boys. The crash took place on Highway 4 at Tracadie and the woman allegedly spoke to the driver afterward.

William Fogarty, 30, faces two counts of dangerous driving causing death in connection with the crash. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Project delayed

► Liberal, NDP critics in Newfoundland say extension raises more questions about dam and power station

A deadline to finalize a deal for the planned Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project in Labrador has been extended.

Newfoundland and Labrador's Crown energy company and Nova Scotia private utility Emera say the deadline has been pushed to Jan. 31.

The joint \$6.2-billion venture between Nalcor Energy and Emera was to be finalized by the end of today.

Nalcor Energy CEO Ed Martin said in a statement yesterday both sides are committed to the complex deal but need more time to finish the work required.

Martin was unavailable for comment yesterday. But in an interview earlier this

month, he said while he was still working toward the Nov. 30 deadline, it was more important to get the project right than to stringently follow the schedule set a year ago by the utilities themselves.

"We have to have things properly documented, properly in place, before we make our decision to proceed."

"Our job is to not get fussed by pressure coming from various areas in terms of time frames and deadlines."

Under conditions of a term sheet announced a year ago, Nalcor would spend \$2.9 billion to build a power generating facility at Muskrat Falls on Labrador's lower Churchill River capa-

ble of producing 824 megawatts of electricity.

A further \$2.1 billion would be spent to build a transmission link from Labrador to Newfoundland, \$600 million of which would be provided by Emera.

The Nova Scotia power company would also fund a 180-kilometre subsea link between Cape Ray, N.L., to Langan at a cost of \$1.2 billion. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Energy boost

► Under the agreement, Nova Scotia would get 170 megawatts of energy a year — about 10 per cent of the province's total energy needs — for 35 years.

West. Dover



► Fishing boats head from the harbour in West Dover as the lobster season on the province's south shore opens yesterday.

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Lobster season gets underway

Electronics stolen from two homes

Police say two homes were broke into overnight on Monday in Hammonds Plains. Electronics, including a TV, were stolen, along with jewelry.

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Speeders ticketed

Police in Cape Breton say 11 tickets were issued to speeders through an aircraft patrol on Highway 125 between Sydney and North Sydney. The patrol took place for over two hours.

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Cirque tickets

Tickets to see Cirque du Soleil's Dralion go on sale Saturday at noon. There will be eight performances of the show at the Halifax Metro Centre between May 2 and 6. Single tickets for adults range in price from \$50 to \$160.

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Emails contradict PM's spokesman

► Documents indicate enforcement of change from 'Government of Canada' to 'Harper Government'

Federal public servants were trying to understand the wholesale "Harperization" of Government of Canada communications six months before a spokesman for the prime minister emphatically denied any change in policy or practice.

New documents obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act directly contradict published claims by Stephen Harper's chief spokesman that bureaucrats have not been directed to replace the words Government of Canada with "Harper Government" in departmental news releases and back-

grounders.

Top former civil servants say the wording change marks a disturbing new trend in the politicization of the bureaucracy — and breaches both communications policy and the civil service ethics policy.

Insiders say ongoing editing skirmishes continue between some government departments with strong leadership and the Privy Council Office, the bureaucracy known as PCO that serves the prime minister.

"The directive we have from the (director general's office) is that if PCO adds the Harper Government reference, then we

leave it in," says an email to communications officials at Industry, dated Oct. 5, 2010. "Please proceed with this approach. Sorry — it is what PCO has instructed."

An editor responded: "Given this directive, and with mild distress, I have reinstalled the phrasing."

When the change in nomenclature was revealed last March, Harper's chief spokesman at the time, Dimitri Soudas, wrote to Canadian newspapers asserting "no directive" went out to civil servants. "Nothing could be further from the truth," Harper's spokesman declared. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Occupy. Squat



► In this photo taken Nov. 22, an Occupy Seattle protester, who declined to be identified, enters a formerly boarded-up duplex that protesters have taken over in Seattle's Central District.

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Occupiers turn into squatters

To protest foreclosures in the nation's housing market, Occupy Wall Street demonstrators in Seattle, Portland and Oakland have taken up a new tactic: squatting in vacant properties.

Record year for 'bully breed' dogs: Society

Calgary Humane Society officials fear dogs are being bred for criminal purposes in record numbers this year.

Executive director Patricia Cameron said while final numbers are still being tabulated, the society is seeing a greater number of violent and super-sized canines taken in at their shelter.

"They're what we call bully breeds," she said. "We believe there is no bad breed of animal; however,

we believe an ultra-large dog — because of their strength and athleticism — require a certain kind of owner and home," Cameron said.

Evidence in the past has indicated these types of dogs may be used in rural Alberta fighting rings and to guard criminal endeavours, namely marijuana grow operations, Cameron said.

Calgary bylaw boss Bill Bruce said his staff is seeing more cross-breeding being



► Pit bulls and mastiffs are turning up more frequently at the Calgary Humane Society. Its director says these breeds can be used for criminal purposes.

conducted between large species to create super-sized dogs, some as heavy as 150 pounds.

"People often don't realize they have got more dog than they can handle," Bruce said. "It's would be like if you just got your learner's permit and you were handed the keys to a turbo (Porsche) Carrera."

Cameron said the society has worked with online sites to prevent the sale of large-breed dogs, but more effort is needed. **● METRO**

Neglect's effects

The society has seen nearly 500 pit bulls pass through its shelter in the last five years.

- Many of the dogs have not been taught basic manners, making them likely to attack if they feel threatened.
- In May, 30 dehydrated pit bull terriers were seized from a Calgary operation.

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► Dr. Conrad Murray closes his eyes yesterday after he was sentenced for his involuntary manslaughter conviction in the death of singer Michael Jackson.

Jackson's doctor gets four-year jail term

▶ Murray will likely serve less than two years in county jail ▶ Jackson family is pleased with sentence

A judge's stern voice broke the silence of a Los Angeles courtroom: "Money for madness medicine," he said before sentencing Dr. Conrad Murray to the maximum four years behind bars for Michael Jackson's death.

Judge Michael Pastor denounced Murray as a greedy, remorseless physician whose gross negligence killed the King of Pop.

Pastor said Murray sold out his profession for a promised fee of \$150,000 a month and accused Mur-

ray of committing a "horrific violation of trust" when he agreed to give Jackson a powerful anesthetic every night as an unorthodox cure for insomnia.

Jackson's family said in a statement read in court that they were not seeking revenge but a stiff sentence for Murray that served as a warning to opportunistic doctors.

"We're going to be a family. We're going to move forward," brother Jermaine Jackson said.

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Doctor in debt

► Prosecutors cited Murray's statements to advocate that he receive the maximum term. They also want him to pay restitution to the singer's three children — Prince, Paris and Blanket.

► It's unlikely that Murray can pay any sizable sum, as he was deeply in debt when he agreed to serve as Jackson's personal physician for \$150,000 a month, and the singer died before Murray received any payment.

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► Norwegian prosecutors Svein Holden and Inga Bejer Engh comment on the psychiatric evaluation of confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik at a news conference in Oslo.

Norway killer insane, unfit for trial: Report

► Anders Breivik killed 77 people in anti-Muslim attacks

Confessed mass killer Anders Behring Breivik belongs in psychiatric care instead of prison, prosecutors in Norway said yesterday after a mental evaluation declared him legally insane during a bomb-and-shooting rampage that killed 77 people.

The court-ordered assessment found that the self-styled anti-Muslim militant

was psychotic during the July 22 attacks, which would make him mentally unfit to be convicted and imprisoned for the country's worst peacetime massacre.

The report, written by two psychiatrists who spent a total of 36 hours talking to Breivik, will be reviewed by a forensic panel before the Oslo district court

makes a ruling on his mental state.

Their conclusions surprised many outside experts and contrasted with earlier comments by the head of the panel, who told AP in late July that it was unlikely that Breivik would be declared insane because the attacks were so carefully planned and executed.

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Slain activist sparks nationwide debate

An activist who publicly accused police officers of kidnapping his teenage son was shot to death in

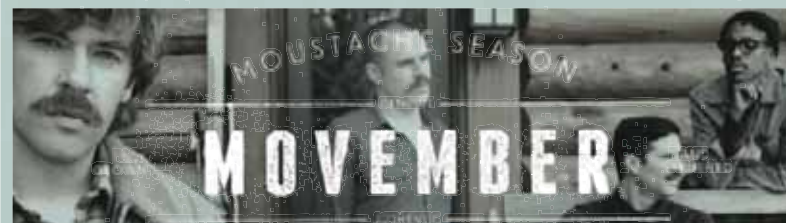
an attack that instantly fuelled Mexico's bitter nationwide debate over crime and corruption.

Corrupt officials were being blamed Tuesday by citizen activists who worked with Nepomuceno Moreno in a national anti-crime movement that has been calling for an end to organized

crime, police abuse and a military-led government assault on drug cartels.

The prosecutor's office in the northern border state of Sonora told reporters, however, that Moreno had a criminal past and it was that, not activism, which appeared to have led to his death.

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Countries at odds over green fund at UN climate talks

► Global-warming report provides bleak backdrop to Durban conference

International climate negotiators were at odds yesterday on how to raise billions of dollars to help poor countries cope with global warming. A major shipping group is willing to help, endorsing a proposal for a carbon tax on vessels carrying the world's trade.

Details of the tussle over the funding emerged as the UN's weather agency reported that 2011 was tied as the 10th-hottest year

since records began in 1850. Arctic sea ice, a barometer for the entire planet, had shrunk to a record low volume, said the World Meteorological Organization.

Putting the final touches on what's known as the Green Climate Fund is a top issue at the 192-party UN climate conference that was in its second day Tuesday in the South African coastal city of Dur-

ban, and one of the keys of a strategy to contain greenhouse gas emissions and keep global warming within manageable limits.

The two-week conference is to finalize a plan on managing climate finances, due to scale up to \$100 billion annually by 2020.

The International Chamber of Shipping, representing about 80 per cent of the world's merchant ma-

rine, joined forces with aid groups Oxfam and WWF International to urge the conference to adopt guidelines for a levy on carbon emissions by ships.

Details of any levy would be worked out by the International Maritime Organization, the UN agency regulating international shipping, the aid groups and the chamber said in a joint statement.

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More heat than we can handle?

The world temperatures report released yesterday provided a bleak backdrop to negotiators seeking ways to limit pollution blamed for global warming.

2011 has been a year of extreme weather right across the globe, the World Meteorological Organization reported.

"Climate change is real, and we are already observ-

ing its manifestations in weather and climate patterns around the world," said R.D.J. Lengoasa, the WMO's deputy director, noting human activity is a significant contributor.



► A tree is lit up by cyclists generating electricity as part of an exhibit at the climate change conference in Durban, South Africa, yesterday.

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► Men think about sex 19 times a day: Study ► Nearly twice often as women



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Men think almost as much about food as sex, but they don't think

about sex as often as previously believed, a new study reveals.

"Young people don't think about sex as often as the general popular image suggests — the 'once

every seven seconds' is very far off from reality," says Terri Fisher, a professor of psychology at Ohio State University and lead author of the study.

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about sex 19 times a day, and sleep 18 times a day. That is nearly twice as often as women think about sex, but men also think more about food and sleep.



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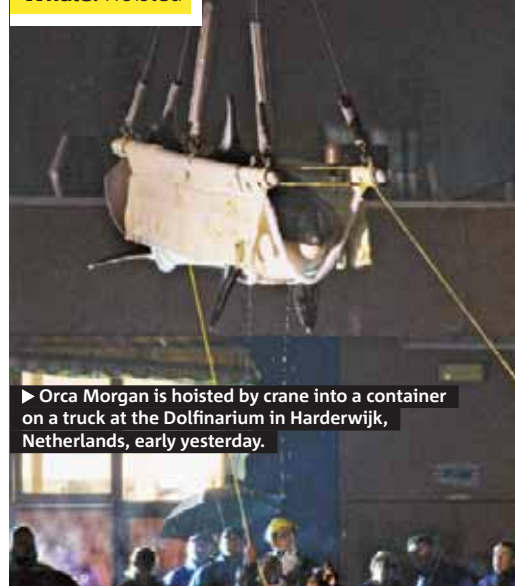
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► Orca Morgan is hoisted by crane into a container on a truck at the Dolfinarium in Harderwijk, Netherlands, early yesterday.

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Whale of a trip for Orca

A Dutch dolphin park loaded a young killer whale into a container on a truck ahead of her transfer by plane to amusement park Loro Parque on the Spanish island of Tenerife yesterday after conservationists lost a legal battle to have her released.



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► Tooba Mohammad Yahya and her son Hamed Mohammed Shafia leave court in Kingston, Ont., yesterday.

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Victim lived in fear, court told

► Before Rona Mohammad was allegedly drowned, alongside three teenage sisters, she believed her husband would kill her, rights activist says

An Afghan woman living in Montreal would not leave home or go to police for fear her abusive husband would kill her, a Kingston, Ont., murder trial heard yesterday.

In her testimony, Fahimah Vorgetts testified how Rona Amir Mohammad grew increasingly desperate in the year before she was found drowned along with her

husband's three teen daughters.

"Almost every time she called, she would be crying and crying," Vorgetts testified.

"She said that if she leaves the house, if she goes to the police, her husband would kill her."

Vorgetts, an Afghan women's rights activist who now lives in Virginia, said she tried to persuade

Mohammad to leave her husband. Mohammad Shafia, who is now a co-accused in the four drowning deaths.

Mohammad said she had no status in Canada, had no documents because her husband kept them all, and worried about being sent back to Afghanistan where his relatives would kill her.

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Sister's input

► Diba Abdaili Masoomi, Mohammad's youngest sister, testified how her sister's marriage and relationship to Shafia was good in the beginning.

► It deteriorated because she could not have children and he took on a second wife, she said.



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► Former News of the World journalist Paul McMullan arrives to give evidence to the Leveson inquiry, Britain's media ethics inquiry in London yesterday.



In defence of phone hacking

► Ex-tabloid journalist says breaking into voice mails gets to the truth

A former News of the World journalist made a robust defence of phone hacking, telling Britain's media ethics inquiry that eavesdropping on voice mails was a "perfectly acceptable tool" to help jour-

nalists uncover stories.

Paul McMullan said yesterday that hacking was common at the now-defunct tabloid, describing how journalists traded the phone details of celebrities.

McMullan made head-

lines this year when he was secretly taped by actor Hugh Grant claiming phone hacking was widespread at the News of the World and other U.K. newspapers.

McMullan was one of

three journalists giving evidence at the inquiry yesterday. The other journalists offered a diametrically opposed assessment, describing stories driven by ideology and propaganda.

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So you can't find the foodcourt? Google it

Google's next frontier in digital mapping will span the world's shopping malls and airports.

An upgrade of Google's mobile mapping service released yesterday includes directions within stores, malls, airports and transit centres in the U.S. and Japan.

The initial index only covers a small fraction of the great indoors, but Google Inc. is hoping that will change as more owners and operators of shopping and transportation hubs submit their indoor floor plans so they can be mapped. For now, Google's indoor maps can only be viewed on smartphones and tablet computers that

run on the company's Android software. That's still a potentially huge audience because more than 550,000 Android-powered devices are activated each day.

The free tool represents Google's latest attempt to deepen people's attachment to their Android phones so it has more opportunities to sell ads pitching products and services to people on the go. The tool also complements Google's effort to turn the Android phones into digital wallets that replace cash and conventional credit cards. Google wouldn't say why the feature would work only on Android devices.

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Clicks up for Cyber Monday

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► The Target website shown on Cyber Monday.

A new report says a record number of shoppers made purchases online on the Monday after the Thanksgiving weekend, pushing sales up 33 per cent.

The report from IBM Benchmark says the average order rose 2.6 per cent to \$193.24 US on the day known as Cyber Monday, when retailers amp up online promotions. The data says about 80 per cent of retailers offered online deals. It says traffic peaked at 2:05 p.m. EST. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

RIM to entice businesses

SOFTWARE. Shares of Research In Motion were up 7.6 per cent yesterday after the BlackBerry-maker unveiled plans to offer software to companies and governments that would open up secure networks to mobile devices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fahrenheit 451 now an e-book

BOOKS. Ray Bradbury, 91, is making peace with the future he helped predict. Simon & Schuster released the author's science fiction/fantasy classic, Fahrenheit 451, digitally yesterday at a list price of \$9.99 US.

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"This year marks the 13th annual Shopping Under the Stars and this event is what gets people in the holiday spirit," says Nancy Tissington, the executive director of the Spring Garden Area Business Association (SGABA).

In the nine-block Spring Garden area, there are more than 200 retailers and restaurants. These establishments have eclectic and hip offerings with something for everybody, be it clothing footwear, home décor, home-made treats, wines and pet accessories, just to name a few options.

"These establishments are the pride of our local entrepreneurs," says Tissington.

There are also some national corporate stores located on Spring Garden, which are

the only ones in the region, such as lululemon.

Shopping Under the Stars is well-known for the in-store specials businesses put on, as well as the live demonstrations and taste samples businesses offer up.

"There are great deals being offered," says Tissington. "Plus, you can't forget about the unique items you can pick up that are exclusive to Spring Garden."

For this year's Shopping Under the Stars, SGABA has purchased new holiday lighting and banners for the area to help make things even more festive.

Getting to and from the area is a breeze as there are more than 1,500 parking spaces in the area for those choosing to drive. The Spring Garden area is also well served by Metro Transit, with many routes passing right through Spring Garden Road.



Shopping Under the Stars online

For people looking to find out more info about Shopping Under the Stars, head to shoppingunderthestars.ca.

This website features a list of the retailers and restaurants that are participating in the annual event and details what sales or special events will be taking place.

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'Something for everybody' at The Shops of Mills

When talking about The Shops of Mills, Audrey Parker has a simple way of describing what it offers.

"We have something for everybody," says the General Manager of Mills.

Located at 5486 Spring Garden Rd., The Shops of Mills is a collection of eclectic boutique shops anchored by Mills, a prime shopping destination in Halifax for almost 100 years. You can find everything from funky, to unique, to classic fashion, lingerie and accessories; the newest trends in hair or skincare; books and games; a treasured family photo or a great cup of coffee. It's your one-stop shopping destination this holiday season.

For the jewelry lover, House of Moda specializes in one-of-a-kind costume jewelry that is made with semi-precious and natural stones.

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Hungry? The Daily Grind is more than just a coffee shop. It's fully licensed and offers fresh fruit smoothies, light lunches, decadent desserts and a wide selection of gluten-free items.

For the latest in fashion and footwear, visit Twisted Muse and its sister store, Sparrow Shoes. These two stores are locally owned and offer unique, urban cool fashions at a reasonable price.

If you're looking to relax and do a little pampering, Gentle Touch Spa and Casa Dante will have you feeling like new in no time — from head to toe.

Judith & Charles has been part of the North American fashion scene for more than 20 years. Situated next to Mills, Halifax's oldest shopping destination, the two exclusive boutiques offer women a wide variety of beauty, fashion,

lingerie and accessories to choose from.

This holiday season, look no further than

Spring Garden Road and The Shops of Mills for all your shopping needs.

'A destination for generations'

Established in 1919, Mills has long been the preferred choice for high-end women's fashion in Halifax.

"Mills has been a destination for generations," says General Manager Audrey Parker.

Over the years, Mills has evolved into an exclusive boutique offering the latest in Euro-

pean and North American designer fashions, lingerie, accessories and beauty products, making it the premier shopping destination for the discerning shopper.

Find the perfect gift this holiday season with Mills gift cards and custom gift baskets or register for exactly what you want with Mills' gift registry.



House of Moda is one of the retailers found inside The Shops of Mills.

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The local choice for quality footwear

Winter's recent arrival is having an effect on people's choice of footwear.

"Boots are flying out the door," says John Bourinot, the owner of Mahone Bay Trading Company Quality Footwear.

To deal with the white, wet and slushy stuff, boots are a popular option.

"Our boots are all quality-branded footwear. Some of our leather boots are waterproof and breathable," says Bourinot, pointing to Geox.

"We have a great selection of Geox brand outerwear as well, jackets and coats," he says. "They are Italian designed, fashionable and a great value."



Other boots popular at the moment include Aquatalia, a waterproof

Canadian line that is handcrafted in Italy.

"These boots look fashionable, and they're practical for the Canadian climate," says Bourinot. "This makes it a good value because it is something you can comfortably wear to work and you will still look great when you're at the office."

Aquatalia's products have found fans in high places, including trendsetter Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge.

For people looking for footwear that looks great yet remains functional, Mahone Bay's inventory is able to offer the best of both worlds.

"Most of the footwear we sell fits into that category, wearable for our climate and it still looks good," says Bourinot.

"Years ago, if you had waterproof footwear, it didn't look very good, but today you can get both — high fashion and practicality."

Mahone Bay Trading Company Quality Footwear can be found at the main entrance to Park Lane. This is the latest of three locations in Halifax and is the fifth store in Nova Scotia for the locally owned and operated company.



Mahone Bay Trading Group Quality Footwear is locally owned and operated.

Hot deals on at Mahone Bay Trading Company Quality Footwear

While the temperatures outside might be cold, the deals inside Mahone Bay Trading Company Quality Footwear are hot. There is currently a sale on where customers can

enjoy a 15 to 30 per cent discount off most products.

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The practice space at The Ashtanga Yoga Shala provides a peaceful environment to practice yoga in.

A peaceful place to exercise on those cold winter days

In business for close to two years, The Ashtanga Yoga Shala offers the perfect environment for learning yoga.

"We wanted to create a space that was more than just a room to do yoga in," says owner Seth Daley.

For this reason, The Shala has a large and tastefully appointed lounge with comfortable couches and a lending library. The lounge acts as a community space where people can hang out before and after class and enjoy some tea.

"People like to hang out before and after class and spend some time with friends they have made," notes Daley.

The practice room — which is where all the classes and workshops are held — is a spacious and well-equipped area that provides a peaceful environment to practice yoga.

The Shala is located conveniently above lululemon on Spring Garden Road.

The environment that The Shala has created

makes the facility a warm and inviting space where people want to come and spend time, especially on those cold winter days.

While it is true that more women than men practice yoga, at The Shala you will find students of all shapes and sizes, ages and ability levels.

"There's no limitation as far as age or fitness level," says Daley, noting that the students at the studio can vary greatly and include a hockey team of 14- to 18-year-old boys, as well as seniors.

"We certainly have a broad range of students," he says.

Another benefit of The Shala is its Mysore class program of semi-private classes. Students with pre-existing injuries can still practice, with some customization from the excellent staff. "Our teachers are some of the best trained in the city and have spent a lot of years studying how to teach students safely and effectively," says Daley.

Three-month pass popular gift

At The Ashtanga Yoga Shala, one of the more popular gift ideas — especially around the holidays — is the three-month pass it offers for people who are new to the studio.

The cost for this unlimited pass is \$90.

"People really like to give those as gifts," says owner Seth Daley. The Shala also offers gift cards, available in any amount. What better gift to give than the gift of yoga.

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Give the personal gift of jewelry

While jewelry is a popular year-round gift option, it is especially true during the holidays. "It's a nice personal gift to give," says Carol Ann MacLeod, the manager at Charm Diamond Centres' Spring Garden Road location.

While the well-known cliché is that diamonds are forever, MacLeod says there's a reason why.

"They're always in style and they match everything," she says.

Charm carries one of the largest selections of Canadian Diamonds, as well as brand-name jewelry, such as Swarovski Crystal, Chamilia, Giorgio Martello and LeVian. It also carries major watch brands like Bulova, Guess, GC and Citizen.

For Swarovski Crystal, Charm's Spring Garden location is the only authorized retailer in the downtown that carries Swarovski products.

New to Charm is an exciting silver and enamel jewelry line by Raquelle Bianco. Charm Diamond Centres was Raquelle Bianco's launch partner for Canada and the first retailer to

introduce this product line.

"It's sterling silver," notes MacLeod. "The jewelry is also rhodium finished, so it will keep its shine and lustre for a very long time. It uses genuine gemstones; it's a beautiful product."

Charm also carries an exclusive collection of Canadian diamonds called Glacier Fire. Each Glacier Fire Canadian diamond that is more than .25 carats is laser inscribed with the symbol of the Canadian flag and issued its own unique serial number. Many people today are purchasing Canadian diamonds through Charm Diamond Centres for peace of mind and the satisfaction of knowing their diamonds' true beginning.

Located at 5475 Spring Garden Rd., this location is unique to Charm Diamond Centre as it is the only stand-alone store among their 59 locations across Canada. Featuring contemporary décor, the bright and spacious atmosphere is designed with the customer in mind and provides a comfortable shopping experience.

Besides a fantastic selection of quality jewelry, Charm offers jewelry cleaning, repairs, appraisals and custom jewelry design.



Charm Diamond Centres is offering many fantastic specials over the Christmas holidays.

Holiday promotions

With lots of holiday promotions taking place at Charm Diamond Centres, now is the perfect time to take advantage of the many specials available.

During the Christmas Sale, customers can save up to 50 per cent off selected jewelry merchandise throughout the store.


On purchases of Chamilia charms or


bracelets over \$150, customers will receive a free limited-edition Believe Star charm.

An added touch — which is especially helpful during the busy holidays — is the free gift wrapping Charm offers on all purchases.

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Debut Fashions has the exclusive rights to offer a number of Canadian fashion designers designs in Halifax.

Find the right gift for that special someone

With the holidays coming up, people looking to purchase some contemporary ladies fashions for their loved ones might want to consider getting a gift

certificate from Debut Fashions.

"This is the best way to please somebody, especially women who like shopping," says owner Irina Bialetskaia. "They love to do it themselves."

Bringing a European flair to Halifax

Irina Bialetskaia has a strict rule for the clothes she brings into her boutique, Debut Fashions.

"I don't buy anything I don't like," she says.

Originally from the Ukraine, Bialetskaia brings a European flair to the business, which specializes in providing the latest in contemporary ladies fashion.

"You name it, we have it or we will try to get it for you," she says.

The shop offers a wide range of items, including skirts, sweaters, pants, leggings and tunics. These items are perfect for the colder weather, which is now upon us.

"It's getting colder, so people are starting to think more about the clothes they will need over the holidays," says Bialetskaia.

And of course, Debut Fashions has lots of dresses to choose from.

"We have a wide variety of dresses to choose from, from day to night, to the cocktail or office party, to something more

sexy and playful and fun," says Bialetskaia.

Unique to Halifax is the fact that Debut Fashions has the exclusive rights to represent a number of Canadian fashion designers, including Zenobia Bawa (Zen B and Femme Fatale), Seville Wallas (Bolini), Wesley Badanjak (Lovas) and Lucian Matis.

"We carry a few quantities of each design," says Bialetskaia. "That way, this ensures your style can be truly unique."

The garments used are produced in Canada or Europe and are made of the finest quality fabrics.

Debut also carries purses, which are designed and made in Canada.

As part of Shopping Under the Stars,

Debut Fashions will be offering

some amazing specials. Both days will

be tax-free, but that's not

all. Thursday will mark the

Little Black Dress event

and all

little black dresses will be

20 per cent off (and tax free

on top of that).



Kara's Urban Day Spa provides casual and vibrant environment

Kara's Urban Day Spa is both like and unlike other spas.

"You can find everything here you would find everywhere else, plus we also do tattooing and body piercings," says salon manager Jody Gurholt.

However, where Kara's really differs is the atmosphere and environment it offers.

"It's a little more casual than most spas, a little more relaxed and a little more fun," says Gurholt.

The key is the word fun. Consider the area where hair and tattoo services are performed; top 40 music is played at a volume louder than one would expect.

"We keep our music above what you would normally expect spa music to be," says Gurholt. "It's a little more fun, a little more vibrant."

It's touches like this that help give Kara's the energetic atmosphere it has.

"We certainly have an energy and a vibe," notes owner Kara Landry.

In other sections of the two-floor establishment, located at 5980 Spring Garden Rd., the atmosphere is a little more tranquil. The sectioned-off manicure and pedicure room has ultra-comfortable La-Z-Boy chairs and quieter music, "so it provides a more relaxed atmosphere," says Gurholt.

In this room, they often accommodate larger groups for mani-pedi parties, bridal groups or ladies nights.

The massage room and esthetics is also sectioned off and features soft, quiet music. Not surprisingly, this offers a more tranquil and serene experience for receiving your Dermalogica customized facial or Misencil Eyelash Extensions.

Given the time of the year and the numerous social obligations people have, finding time to pamper yourself or a loved one can be difficult and a day away at the spa can do wonders.



The team at Kara's Urban Day Spa is friendly, warm and welcoming.

Kara's offers numerous half-day spa packages to suit your every needs, including Dermalogica facials, body treatments or

registered massage therapy services.

Besides its Spring Garden Rd location, Kara's also has two other locations in Dartmouth.

Pedicures and manicures are popular gift options

With the holidays approaching, gift cards are a popular option.

"At this time of year, a lot of people buy

gift cards for their family members or loved ones," says salon manager Jody Gurholt.

He says the two most popular things — regardless of the time of year — are pedicures and manicures.

Lord Nelson Hotel offering many holiday specials this season

Steeped in tradition, warmth and elegance greet you immediately as you enter the Lord Nelson Hotel.

The contrast of the dazzling antique chandeliers and period architectural woodwork in the lobby lets guests know they are somewhere special. This holiday season, the Lord Nelson Hotel is offering many fantastic deals.

"We've created some extra special packages to suit a variety of interests," says Dawn Porter, the director of sales with the Lord Nelson. "All of our packages offer great savings and many take care of the parking for you."

One of those specials, the Shop and Stay Getaway, is perfectly suited to take advantage of during Shopping Under the Stars. The offer includes one night's stay in a Classic Guest Room, complimentary continental breakfast and indoor heated parking, from \$159 per night. The Shop and Stay Getaway

also includes a \$25 gift certificate for use with a Spring Garden Road area merchant, which is the perfect time to use as many area merchants will be offering fantastic deals during Shopping Under the Stars.

Patrons can also upgrade to a Junior Suite and receive the same things as above, including a \$50 gift certificate to a Spring Garden Road area merchant as opposed to a \$25 one, from \$205 per night.

Other specials include the Life of the Party Package, which offers an overnight stay in a Classic Guest Room, from an incredible \$109 per night.

For people looking to have a special romantic New Year's Eve, look no further than the Lord Nelson's Sparkling Start to 2012. Enjoy the elegance and charm of the Lord Nelson and a Classic Guest Room as you sip on a bottle of complimentary sparkling wine, all from \$189 per night.



This holiday season, the Lord Nelson Hotel is offering many fantastic deals.

Shopping Under the Stars with the Lord Nelson Hotel

During Shopping Under the Stars, the Lord Nelson Hotel will be setting up a special pop-up boutique at the corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Street. The boutique will be

offering special gift card giveaways and delightful signature amenities, such as plush Lord Nelson Hotel robes.

"Staycations are more popular than ever and they make a great, unique gift," notes Dawn Porter, the director of sales with the Lord Nelson.

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Tasteful holiday decorations can be found throughout Spring Garden Place.

Boutique-type stores permeate Spring Garden Place

While shopping this holiday season, one must-see destination is Spring Garden Place. Located at 5640 Spring Garden Rd., this small but hip shopping complex offers something to satisfy everyone, be it fashion, home décor or a day away at the spa.

"We have 24 specialty boutique-type stores," says Jonathan Schneider, the property manager for Spring Garden Place.

As Shopping Under the Stars takes the Spring Garden Road area by storm on Thursday and Friday evening, the retailers at Spring Garden Place will also be getting in the holiday spirit with some amazing deals.

At Vitality Medi Spa, one of Halifax's premier salons and spas, your health and well-being are covered from head to toe, be it a haircut, hot stone massage, facial treatment, as well as pedicures and manicures, plus much more. All regular-priced products will be offered tax-free.

For the jewelry lover, Touch of Gold is a family-run business that has offered Halifax fine jewelry for more than 30 years and it will be offering tax-free specials on items in certain stores.

Getting into the holiday spirit

It isn't hard to miss the entrance to Spring Garden Place during the holidays. Beautifully decorated in a fashion to pay tribute to the season, the entrance is decorated by

Neville MacKay, from My Mother's Bloomers.

Throughout Spring Garden Place, there are tasteful holiday decorations featuring lovely trees and Jolly Old Saint Nick himself, all of which was decorated by MacKay.



The Vault, another jewelry provider located in Spring Garden Place, will be offering a tax-free sale — excluding Pandora products — for both days of Shopping Under the Stars.

At My Mother's Bloomers, celebrity florist Neville MacKay will be putting on floral and holiday demonstrations on Thursday, and purchases will be tax-free for the two days.

People looking to jazz up their house should check out Thornbloom. It is one of Halifax's premier home décor stores and features the furniture, bedding, kitchen and lighting products needed to make a house a home. During Shopping Under the Stars, Thornbloom will be having a tax-free sale. On Thursday at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sue Warden, a television personality

and floral design and home decor expert, will be giving a demonstration about professional Sinamay mesh techniques. During Shopping Under the Stars, Thornbloom will be having a tax-free sale.

Other retailers taking part in Shopping Under the Stars include Roots (20 per cent off storewide),

Wardrobe Too (tax-free), Sock It To Ya (tax-free), All Dressed Up (tax-free) and Pink Mascara Accessories and Pink 2 (tax-free).

Those looking for a bite to eat should check out Fiasco, Tarek's Café, Bonne Cuisine, il Mercato, Ko Doraku and Bubba Ray's Sports Bar. Meanwhile, The Hunt Club, offers both food and clothing.

Service providers on site include FedEx, Carlson Wagonlit — Harvey's Travel, Moncysworth & Best, Kinko's and Pearle Vision.



Pet Valu offers pet supplies for cats, dogs and small animals.

A pet store in the heart of the downtown

Now open since March, the Pet Valu on Spring Garden Road has become a one-stop shop for pet lovers.

"Not only do we cater to dog and cat owners,

but we also carry the products people need for their small animals, such as rabbits, ferrets, hedgehogs, mice, birds and fish," says co-owner Lina Clarke, who owns the estab-

Specials abound at Pet Valu during Shopping Under the Stars

As part of Shopping Under the Stars, Pet Valu has brought in a large variety of holiday-themed products for gift giving and will be offering some great in-store deals.

There will be specials of 10 to 15 per cent off food, treats, toys, apparel, beds, cat trees and more during the two-day event.

The first 100 customers will receive a free 2012 Pet Valu calendar filled with coupons for monthly savings.

lishment along with her husband, Wilf.

As a result, Pet Valu is the only pet store for Rover, Muffin and small animals on the peninsula.

The location itself is clean and with the helpful and professional staff, it ensures customers will have a great shopping experience.

"We have an amazing staff," says Lina. "They're all animal lovers and are very experienced. Many have worked at other pet stores and vet clinics and they have all gone through an extensive training program."

For people on the lookout for live animals, Pet Valu does not carry them.

"One thing we try and do is support the local shelters," says Lina. "For example, we work closely with the SPCA and do cat adoption weekends where they bring in cats and we try to find them some good homes."

The Spring Garden Road Pet Valu location

was the first one east of Ottawa and it tries to source local products.

"We live and work in the community and it's important to us to source local products into Pet Valu's offerings," says Wilf. "We carry locally manufactured leashes, collars as well as vitamins and minerals and are always on the lookout for more products from Atlantic Canada."

Lina and Wilf encourage pet owners to bring their animals to the store, regardless of type.

"We've had dogs, cats, birds, hedgehogs, ferrets and a rabbit in the store, not all at the same time though," says Lina.

"Our favourite part of the job is when our customers bring in their pets for us to meet."





The Jonathan Neil Salon & Spa offers its clients a very warm and comfortable environment.

'The best team you could ever wish for'

At the Jonathan Neil Salon & Spa, people looking for greener beauty options won't find themselves out of luck.

"When you think of the beauty industry, you don't often think that you can make healthier choices because it is a chemical-based busi-

ness," says co-owner Vanessa Foss, noting this is isn't true.

"We're very big on carrying paraben-free hair products, paraben-free skin care products, silicone and sulphate-free products and we offer an ammonia-free colour line," she says. At Jonathan Neil, customers benefit from the experienced staff, who are thoroughly committed to exceeding their customers' highest expectations.

"We have the best team you could ever wish for," says Foss. "Everyone is experienced, professional and a pleasure to work with every day."

Not surprisingly, the environment at Jonathan Neil is one that is very comfortable and welcoming for patrons.

From a service standpoint, Jonathan Neil

offers all of the services people would think of in a salon or spa.

Besides hair care, Jonathan Neil offers full aesthetic services, skin care, waxing, manicures and pedicures as well as hair extensions. It also offers massage services through Park Victoria Massage Therapy. (Jonathan Neil is located at Park Victoria, which is found at 1333 South Park St.)

With the holiday season coming up, it can be difficult to find the time to squeeze in that hair or nail appointment. Not to worry, at Jonathan Neil, the staff is very accommodating with their schedules to meet the customer's needs.

"People will work late and or come in early to help people out," says Foss, noting the dedication the staff has to its customers.

Finding the right holiday gift

The Jonathan Neil Salon & Spa makes it easy for you to find a holiday gift for that special person in your life.

"We have a lot of different stocking stuffers in at this time of year," says co-owner Vanessa Foss. "You can also do a customized gift basket."

Gift cards are another option and are available in any desired amount.

Foss says the staff make notes in the client's files about what products the customers like, which serves as a de facto registry.

"When their spouse comes in, we know exactly what they want," says Foss.

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American Airlines in trouble

► Bankruptcy means flights may be cut, job losses on the horizon ► AMR stockholders will be wiped out

The parent company of American Airlines filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday, seeking relief from crushing debt caused by high fuel prices and expensive labour contracts that its competitors shed years ago.

The company also replaced its CEO. American said its frequent-flier program would be unaffected.

AMR Corp., which owns American, was the only major U.S. airline company that did not file for bankruptcy protection after the Sept. 11 attacks, which caused a deep slump in the industry.

In announcing the bankruptcy filing, AMR said CEO Gerard Arpey, a veteran of the company for almost three decades,

had stepped down and was replaced by Thomas W. Horton, the company president.

In a filing with federal bankruptcy court in New York, AMR said it had \$29.6 billion in debt and \$24.7 billion in assets.

The company will delay the spinoff of its regional airline, American Eagle.

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Time to go to school, fool.

Ad Age, the bible of Madison Avenue, released its annual list of 25 hottest brands Monday, and along with obvious choices such as the Chevy Cruze and the HTC smartphone, apparently America can't get enough of Street Skillet Bacon Spread and My Little Pony.

Seattle's Street Skillet's revenue is \$3 million so far this year, mainly on the strength of the sale of bacon jam. It's

one of Rachael Ray's fall favourite foods.

Admit it: never in a million years would you consider bacon jam a million-dollar idea. That's why John Henderson is a successful entrepreneur and you aren't. No jam.

I bet you also let Pickle Juice slip through your fingers, too. Not so for Brandon Brooks, who had the vision and foresight to believe that people will buy anything as long as it's sold as an electrolyte replacement. Brooks is planning to blend Pickle Juice with pomegranate to make it taste better,

which only goes to prove that a spoonful of sugar helps the Pickle Juice go down.

The list includes a bunch of nostalgia items, like Goldfish, those tasteless little crackers that are hot again, even though they're still tasteless. But after bacon jam and Pickle Juice, that's probably a good thing.

Then there's the inexplicable rebirth of My Little Pony, the foremost mania of my daughter when she was a little girl, some 25 years ago. I could never figure out why she would brush Her Little Pony for hours, yet I could never get her to brush the dog. I assume My Little Pony smelled better.

What's really weird is that the latest craze is being driven by an audience of adolescent and adult males called "bronies." They have their own podcast called Bronyville and their own New York convention called BronyCon. The My Little Pony website has 71 million hits.

As weird as all of the above are, topping the list is the Honey Badger, which started as a bit player in a National Geographic special and has morphed into the Tasmanian Devil of the 21st century. He's so bad, he eats venom-spitting cobras alive and braves thousands of bee stings to eat their larvae. He's now the spokesvermin for Wonderful Pistachios, which he cracks by whacking them with a snake.

Don't believe me. Check him out on YouTube, where he has 23 million hits, but he don't care.

He's just bad.

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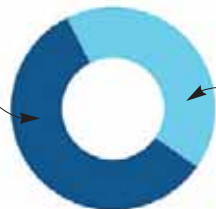
Well, unless you're all over spreadable bacon, My Little Pony, Honey Badger and Pickle Juice, you are nowhere, my



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Sharing a tender tiger moment

USA. "The little girl was so excited that she started clapping," says photographer Dyrk Daniels, who captured this moment at the Cougar Mountain Zoo in Issaquah, Wash. Golden Bengal tiger Taj walked to the glass, put his right paw up against it where the girl's hand was and bowed his head. **●MWN**



"During my 27 years of working with tigers, I have never seen anything like it before."

RON TILSON, INTERNATIONAL TIGER EXPERT, MINNESOTA ZOO

Instead of 'Ahh!' it was 'Aww!'

RECOLLECTION. Daniels, 47, describes this chance occurrence at the zoo, saying he didn't expect such tenderness from the predatory kitty. "I noticed that Taj had taken an interest in the girl and was heading towards her. I thought for certain that the little girl would need therapy after the encounter." **●MWN**

In the cat's eyes, child is a 'snack'

INSTINCT. This meeting between baby and 168 kg cat may seem cute, but typical human-tiger get-togethers are no fun, specialist Ron Tilson says. "Seeing a young child elicits a tiger's predatory instinct. It begins to follow the child closely, hoping to get a 'snack.' When it gets a chance, it will take it!" **●MWN**

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'They want to see naked bodies'

► Helen Mirren got it right when she said 'flesh sells' ► Here's to the many actors who have gone without a stitch — all in the name of art, of course

IN FOCUS

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A website called Mr. Skin notes that Helen Mirren is the only celebrity to appear nude on screen in five different decades.

The Oscar winner became the first British actress to appear in the buff in a mainstream film in 1969, when she was just 24 years old.

On her revealing scene in *Age of Consent* she said, "Flesh sells. People don't want to see pictures of churches. They want to see naked bodies."

Since then Mirren has doffed her clothes several more times, and become one of the most acclaimed actresses of her age.

Appearing nude doesn't appear to have hurt her career with the public or the Academy, which is probably makes Michael Fassbender, the very naked star of this weekend's Oscar contender *Shame*, very happy.



► Michael Fassbender plays a sex addict in *Shame*. And yes, we get to see his very naked body.

In a performance that bares not only his body but his soul as well, Fassbender might become the most unclothed star to ever be nominated for Best Actor.

But he wouldn't be the first star to go naked as a jaybird for their craft and take home Oscar gold.

Kate Winslet says there was so much nudity in *The Reader*, which earned her an Oscar, because the story required it. But, she added in the same interview, she

thinks people might be tired of looking at her body.

The first nude film scenes happened almost 100 years before Fassbender drop trou.

In 1915's *Inspiration* an actress named Audrey Munson undressed and for the next 20 years stars regularly exposed their hidden talents.

Then came the Hays Code, which banned nudity from the major studios well into the 1960s.

One of the first big stars to break the code was Jayne Mansfield, whose topless role in *Promises! Promises!* landed her on the Top 10 list of Box Office Attractions for 1963.

Since then many A-listers have taken it off for their art.

Recently both Amanda Seyfried and Julianne Moore stripped in *Chloe*. Anne Hathaway and Michelle Williams wore their birthday suits in *Love*

and *Other Drugs* and *Blue Valentine* respectively.

But it's not just women exposing themselves.

Gerard Butler let it all hang out in *Mrs. Brown and Gam* and Daniel Craig is buck naked in *Love is the Devil*.

Producer Judd Apatow promises more male nudity in his films. "It really makes me laugh in this day and age that anyone is troubled by seeing any part of the human body."



Scene in brief



A lawsuit filed by owners of a minor league baseball team claims an Illinois city violated its contract and misled the team about the prospect of building a ballpark. Actor Kevin Costner of *Field of Dreams* is among the owners of the Lake County Fielders. They've been battling the city of Zion in northeastern Illinois for months over the team's collapse this year.

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The Big Bang Theory star Jim Parsons aims for a Broadway return in *Harvey*

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U.S. flicks tie for best at Gotham gala

► For first time in history, Gotham Independent Film Awards name two movies: *The Tree of Life*, *Beginners* best feature.



► Actor Patton Oswalt, left, actress Charlize Theron and director Jason Reitman.

Award season kicked off with a tie for best feature at the annual Gotham Independent Film Awards as Terrence Malick's highly imaginative *The Tree of Life* shared the night's high honour with Mike Mills' flashback comedy, *Beginners*.

Presenter Tilda Swinton introduced the nominees, but before opening the envelope to reveal the winner, deferred to a prerecorded message on the venue's large video screens.

The unprecedented ruling was then announced by

jury member Natalie Portman, who explained that her peers were faced with the dilemma of being stuck when it came to selecting a winner, so they made a bold and independent decision and chose to honour both.

Swinton then read off the winners' names and presented the award.

The Tree of Life, starring Brad Pitt and Sean Penn, won the Palm d'Or at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival. *Beginners* was released last year and stars Ewan McGregor and Christopher Plummer.

Other winners included Felicity Jones for breakthrough actor in *Like Crazy*, the cast of *Beginners* for ensemble cast and *Scenes of a Crime* for best film not playing at a theatre near you. The audience award went to *Girlfriend*, a film about a young man with Down syndrome who has a crush on a troubled single mother.

This year's Gotham tributes went to director David Cronenberg, film executive Tom Rothman, actor Gary Oldman and actress Charlize Theron.

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I didn't have any plastic surgery, says Gosselin

Kate Gosselin (new occupation: blogger at CouponCabin.com, continuing her fame-seeker tendencies) is shooting down Internet rumours that she got a facelift.

"With all of the buzz about me having had a facelift, I will confirm that I have not had one (I am only 36!!!).

But, I will take all of the talk about how rested and young I look as a compliment! So thanks!" she wrote.

I love Gosselin's "I'm only 36!" excuse for not having plastic surgery, as that didn't stop her from getting a tummy tuck in 2007 and breast implants in 2009.

But, to be fair, she is 36 and is a single mom to eight kids.

Girlfriend probably needs all the plastic surgery she can get, under 40 or no.

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► Kate Gosselin

More baby mama drama for Biebs

- Man steps forward claiming to be the father of Mariah Yeater's child
- Robbie Powell was recently charged with drug possession, burglary



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Before the illustrious Mariah Yeater (that's her booking photo, there) accused Justin

Bieber of fathering her child, the last time I wrote about a situation so low-rent was during the Levi Johnston baby daddy drama with the Palins.

The latest on the possible Biebs baby?

While the 17-year-old pop star maintains he isn't the father of Yeater's infant son, the man who does claim to be, Robbie Powell, was arrested over the weekend in San Diego, according to Hollyscoop.

The 23-year-old was charged with possession of methamphetamines and drug paraphernalia, as well as three charges of commercial burglary.

He's currently being held on \$7,000 bail.

Sources say Powell is looking to go public with his claims that Yeater made up the story about Bieber fathering her child, but he hasn't settled on a media outlet yet.

After all of this, I hope that Bieber is the father just so that poor baby might have a chance at life.

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► Mariah Yeater

Prince Harry peaces out

Prince Harry's adventure in America is over.

"Captain Wales has completed his training in the United States and has returned to the U.K.," says a spokesman from the Naval Air Facility El Centro in El Centro, Calif., according to Us Weekly.

Harry had been training there for the past two months while also enjoying some downtime in Las Vegas, San Diego and Los Angeles. ● METRO

Maggie Gyllenhaal expecting again

Maggie Gyllenhaal and husband Peter Sarsgaard are gearing up to welcome another member to their family, as Gyllenhaal is pregnant with their second child, according to Life & Style.

"Over Thanksgiving weekend, Maggie was telling friends that she's six months pregnant. Her bump is so big," a source

says.

"She's thrilled to be pregnant. She and Peter have wanted another child for a while. They're very happy that they'll have another baby in the house soon."

The couple, who married in 2009, have a 5-year-old daughter, Ramona.

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► Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard.

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Travel in brief



A pair of wilderness tour operators in Yukon and a geology-themed park in New Brunswick have won 2011 Canadian Tourism Awards. Nahanni River Adventures and Canadian River Expeditions, both based in Whitehorse, won the award for sustainable tourism. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Caribbean tourist operators expect more visitors, brace for drop in spending

Saving the 'Old Square'

► A commission has been working since the 1930s to preserve New Orleans' French Quarter

On a muggy autumn New Orleans morning in the French Quarter, away from bawdy Bourbon Street, Natchez residents sat on their stoops drinking rich café au lait, reading the newspaper, or watching the passing traffic.

Replace the cars with horses and carriages and the scene could well be from a couple of hundred years ago.

The old city remains vital with a steady mix of residents and small businesses mostly thanks to the Vieux Carre Commission, which regulates changes to the buildings in the small section of New Orleans near the Mississippi River. The commission has control over every part of a building's exterior.

A rotting sill in the back of the house cannot be replaced without permission. A wall can't be painted or a window removed or a roof changed without permission. It's a sore point for some, but the results of such strict control are noticeable.

When the commission was formed during the Great Depression, the 85-square-block Quarter that was laid out by French settlers in 1718 had become a collection of derelict buildings. The idea of preserving an entire area was novel.

"What was considered ahead of time was that up until then American preservation was preservation of individual structures, Mount Vernon for instance," said Walter Gail-



► The Vieux Carre Commission regulates all changes — big and small — to the exterior of buildings in the French Quarter.

Vieux Carre

Commission

► Nine volunteer members and a staff of five make up the commission. The volunteers are appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council.

las, with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Back then, nobody thought of it as, 'Gee, maybe there is another way

to preserve a whole community.' Now there are hundreds of commissions like that around the country."

The French Quarter, also known as the Vieux Carre (Old Square) as it was once called, had fallen on hard times by 1936. Once-grand townhouses were tenements, and city officials were seriously considering tearing down the majestic old buildings that frame Jackson Square — Upper Pontalba and the Cabildo — where the Louisiana Pur-

chase was signed in 1803.

Then along came the Vieux Carre Commission, dedicated to preservation while keeping the area a functioning part of the community.

"The commission is not about keeping things look-

ing pretty but addressing what's appropriate to character and quality of all the parts that make up this neighbourhood," said Vieux Carre Commission director Lary Hesdorffer. "We have the benefit of not being frozen in time."

The idea, Hesdorffer said, is not to return the French Quarter — which is a real neighbourhood with people living there and real businesses operating on its streets — to what it was when it was founded, but to keep the historical presence this generation inherited. "We have many different styles in the French Quarter from different eras," Hesdorffer said. "We're now treasuring buildings that have been renovated along the way."

As an example, Hesdorffer points to the famous "lace" iron work on French Quarter balconies, which came in the 1800s, replacing the original plain iron-work.

"That sort of layering thing is what makes this historic district particularly rich because we represent some things that date to the colonial period," he said. "But not many are in pure form. Over the years, they've been updated, changed."

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Christmas on 'the rock'

► In St. John's, N.L., revelers known as mummers dress up and visit friends and relatives ► It's a tradition that fascinates visitors

An oversized bra worn over a plaid shirt with a flowing skirt, a face-shielding lace doily, a floppy hat and an ugly stick.

That's a fairly standard costume for the wild and wonderful Yuletide tradition called mummering — just one of many ways Christmas turns into a full-on festival of concerts, kitchen parties and theatre on the Rock.

In the seaside capital city of St. John's, N.L., the annual mummers parade is a colourful tribute to the playful custom of dress-up and visiting that's still popular in some outposts around the island.

An ugly stick, in case you haven't made it this far East, is a home-made percussion instrument. It's often a broom or mop handle

with dozens of beer caps, small bells and other noise-makers attached, a tin can on top and, sometimes, a boot on the bottom for stability as it's played with a drumstick.

Mummering is a blend of traditions believed to have migrated to Newfoundland from England and Ireland early in the 19th century. Also known as mumming or janneying, it generally works like this: groups of relatives or friends decked out in costumes knock on the door of a neighbour's house.

They ask something such as, "Mummers allowed in?" And, if welcomed, the hosts try to guess their visitors' identities before serving drinks and food. Gender-bending dress and talking while in-

haling are some of the tricks used to throw off the guessers. Mummers have also been known to dance a jig or play a tune as part of the game.

It's a tradition that fascinates people from outside the province, said Dale Jarvis, a folklorist at the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The foundation revitalized the mummers parade three years ago and has since watched it take on a life of its own.

"The first year we ran the parade, we had a fellow who flew in from Nova Scotia," Jarvis said. "He had read about it online and wanted to experience it for himself."

Ryan Davis is leading this year's event, set for

Dec. 17. He expects it to be even bigger than the last parade, which drew about 350 mummers.

"I'm anticipating a really big increase this year," he said, based on inquiries and interest.

Mummering is a great leveller that, for a short time, frees people from the constraints of age, income and gender while they're in disguise, Davis said.

"It's just a lot of fun."

Gaylyne Lambert, a marketing and events coordinator with Downtown St. John's, has never spent Christmas away from the city. "I couldn't," she said. "Christmas is the one time of year that we all make a point to get together in one group," the youngest of six kids said of her brothers, sisters, nine nieces and



► Mummering entails groups of friends or relatives decked out in costumes knocking on the door of a neighbour's house to be invited in for drinks and food.

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"There's tons of stuff going on," she added, rhyming off a heady list of holiday concerts featuring popular traditional, rock and folk musicians.

A classical favourite is the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra's yearly rendition of Handel's Messiah at the soaring St. John's Basilica. Concerts

are scheduled for Dec. 16 and 17.

"It's an absolute world-class performance," Lambert said.

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- 2 tsp (10 mL) chili powder
- 1 tsp (5 mL) ground cumin
- 1 tsp (5 mL) dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) smoked sweet paprika
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) kosher salt
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► A recruitment expert offers advice for those hoping to be remembered ► Sales and marketing students take note



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The competition on campus between employers is getting hot as the economy picks up and companies' hiring numbers increase.

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Your personal brand — online

Your online personality

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"Show you spent some time researching my company online, even talking to past interns or employees, and understanding the culture." CHELSEA NEWTON,

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should mirror how you come across in person.

Ensure that, if your future employer seeks you out on LinkedIn, Twitter, or Facebook, there is consistency in the things you say you are knowledgeable about or roles you played in extra-curricular activities.

Things like LinkedIn recommendations are very valuable, especially with LinkedIn launching a new student profile option.

Often future employers will perform a social media search on their top candidates — think of this as a reference check.

Make sure that you hide information that future employers don't need to see (e.g., Facebook photos) and remember that



► Does your authentic persona match the one you see on the screen in front of you?

social media is permanent.

Your personal brand — in person

For in-person events, network and showcase your personality as well as your interests and skills.

When I interview for entry-level marketing roles, I look more for a strong personal impression than wide sales/marketing experience — I can teach you how to be successful, but I can't teach you how to think critically or have personal credibility.

I want you to highlight your interests, where you think the industry is going, recent highlights at my specific company, and why you believe you fit the company culture.

Show you spent some time researching my company online, even talking to past interns or employees, and understanding our culture.

Don't treat every networking session, interview or online application the same. Most recruiters are very open to telling you the unique parts of their company, so talk to them and ask for a follow-

Start with the man in the mirror

Do a branding exercise to understand your unique value to a future employer. Think about how you present yourself both in person at company campus recruiting events or interviews, and in online spaces.

Things you should evaluate include:

- How you dress
- The language you use
- How you can showcase specific accomplishments
- How you come across to employers — do you seem credible/real?

up prep call prior to an interview.

If you don't meet a recruiter on campus, reach out to them via LinkedIn. Recruiters will highlight great candidates' applications if you wow them.

Consider this reach-out like dating — you only have one opportunity to make that perfect impres-

sion that might lead to a relationship (or in this case, a fantastic career)!

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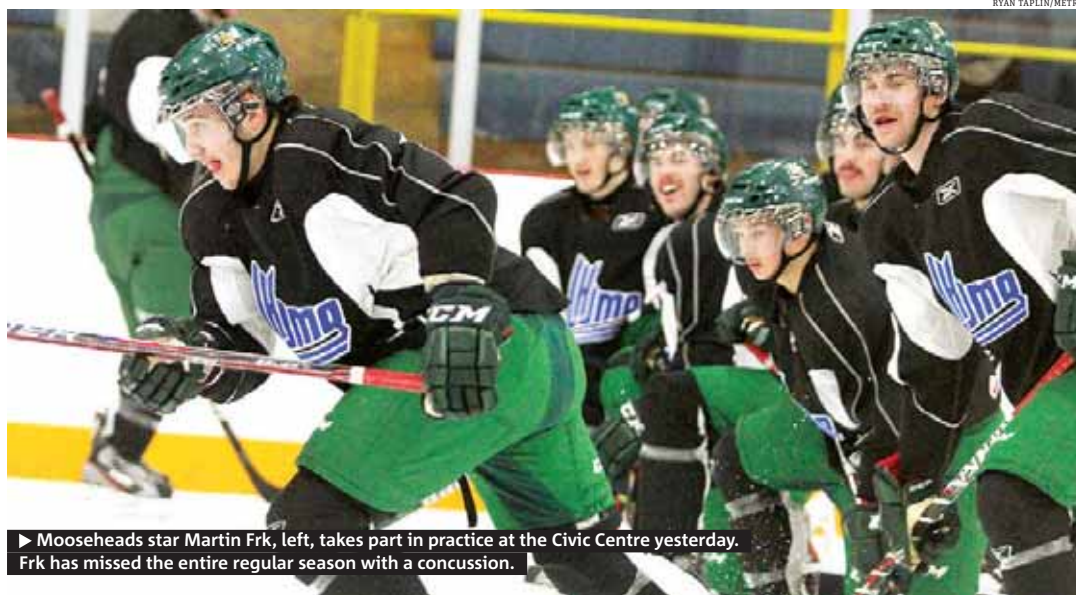


RIGHT-WINGER DARCY ASHLEY, PICTURED, IS LIKELY TO RETURN TO THE HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS LINEUP ON THE WEEKEND.

THE TEAM'S SECOND-LEADING SCORER HAS BEEN OUT FOR THE PAST FIVE GAMES AFTER TAKING A HIT TO THE HEAD TWO SATURDAYS AGO. BLUE-LINERS STEVE GILLARD (CONCUSSION) AND AUSTYN HARDIE (JAW) AND GOALIE ANTHONY TERENCEZIO (CONCUSSION) WON'T PLAY.



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► Mooseheads star Martin Frk, left, takes part in practice at the Civic Centre yesterday. Frk has missed the entire regular season with a concussion.

Herd's Frk 'excited' as comeback draws near

► Sniper practises with contact for first time since pre-season ► Doctor's appointment today could determine whether Frk can play this weekend



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Martin Frk has gotten his first taste of physical hockey in more than three months — and he's itching for more of it.

Practising with contact yesterday for the first time since suffering a pre-season concussion in August, the high-scoring Halifax Mooseheads right-winger passed the biggest test yet in a long and difficult comeback. Although he didn't take any bone-

crunching hits, he didn't shy away from physical play and skated to the point of exhaustion at the Civic Centre.

"It was a good practice," said Frk, who did a lot of smiling and is clearly enjoying his reintegration with the team. "I'm so much excited for my first game of the season. It's been a long time since I (played) hockey, but I will be so happy and we'll see what happens."

There is still no word on whether Frk will play at home on Friday against

the Gatineau Olympiques or Saturday against the Quebec Remparts. If he's not back this weekend, it will probably be next.

The 18-year-old Czech will see a doctor today and is trying to get back down to his pre-concussion weight of 204 pounds.

"Now I'm too heavy," said Frk, who couldn't exercise at all for two months. "I know I can't skate (well enough) and I'd feel so much better if I lost some more pounds. I'd be faster and in better shape."

He's expected to be

eased back into the lineup once cleared to play, but the Mooseheads — sixth overall at 17-7-3 with the sixth-best offence — will get an immediate boost. Frk was one of the QMJHL's top rookie scorers last season with 22 goals among 50 points in 62 games.

"We have a high-powered offence as it is," said Mooseheads defenceman Sawyer Hannay. "Adding arguably the best European in the league back in our lineup, it's going to be huge."

Clarke cut loose by Bathurst

The Bathurst Titan are the latest team to give up on Garrett Clarke.

The Titan, Clarke's fourth QMJHL team in four seasons, cut the former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman yesterday, citing disciplinary reasons. Clarke, 19, had two goals and 14 assists in 24 games.

The Mooseheads, who acquired the former sixth overall pick from the Lewiston Maineiacs in 2009, also sent him home last year for disciplinary reasons before trading him to the Shawinigan Cataractes for a draft pick. He lasted just 11 games with the Cataractes before they passed him off to Bathurst in a deal that brought back veteran forward Vincent Arseneau.

Clarke was a candidate to be picked in the 2011 NHL draft, but his stock dropped sharply after his fallout with the Mooseheads. After being passed over in the draft, he earned an invitation to the Toronto Maple Leafs rookie camp as a free agent, but was unable to earn a contract.

He had seven goals and 22 assists for 29 points along with 218 penalty minutes in 63 career games with the Mooseheads. In 52 career games with Bathurst, Clarke had 32 points and 105 penalty minutes.

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Bluenoser Palardy looks ahead after Grey Cup loss

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► Blue Bombers kicker Justin Palardy places a ball during a practice last Friday in Vancouver.



Living life as a kicker, Justin Palardy has learned not to dwell on negatives.

That's why the 23-year-old Murray Siding native and former Saint Mary's Huskies star has already shifted his focus to next season after his Winnipeg Blue Bombers were downed 34-23 by the B.C. Lions in Sunday's Grey Cup in Vancouver.

"We're getting a new stadium and starting a new Blue Bombers," said Palardy, after going 3-for-3

for 11 Winnipeg points on Sunday. "We're kind of shutting a door and opening a new one and I'm excited for that."

Not every player gets a chance to play in a Grey Cup, so there's no guarantee Palardy will find his way back to the big game. But with only two CFL seasons under his belt, he's confident he can.

"I'm young and there's a lot of football left in me," said Palardy, who is Atlantic University Sport's all-time

points leader. "So hopefully we can get back there."

Palardy is coming off a solid season, going 40-for-52 for a 76.9 per cent success rate. His 165 points were good for fourth in scoring in the CFL, and he went 5-for-5 in the post-season.

Palardy wants to add distance to his kickoffs and nail longer field goals.

"I just want to get stronger and the rest will take care of itself," he said.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Jaguars rebooted

► Coach fired, team sold after 3-8 start ► New owner expected to keep team in Jacksonville

The Jacksonville Jaguars are headed in a completely new direction.

And Los Angeles doesn't appear to be the destination.

Team owner Wayne Weaver fired longtime coach Jack Del Rio yesterday after a 3-8 start and agreed to sell the Jaguars to Illinois businessman Shahid Khan. Weaver named defensive co-ordinator Mel Tucker the interim coach and gave general manager Gene Smith a three-year contract extension, putting him in charge of the coaching search.

The moves marked the most significant changes for the small-market franchise since its inception in 1993.

"It's the right thing at the right time and for the right reasons," Weaver said. "We deserve better; the community deserves better. We've been very average over the last few years. I take responsibility for a lot of that, making mistakes in some personnel things, but look positive ahead that this team is not far away from being a very competitive football team."

Forbes reported the sale to be worth \$760 million US.

Weaver, who will turn 77 in January, had been

looking for an "exit strategy" for years, wanting to find someone to buy the team and keep it in Jacksonville. He had tears in his eyes several times as he announced his impending departure.

"It's a little bittersweet, honestly, that it came as soon as it did," Weaver said. "But the main motivation for the exit strategy was to find someone that has the same passion about the NFL, had the same passion about football in Jacksonville as we do, and I found that person."

Khan, 61, believes he is the right choice, too.

"Wayne's legacy will be lasting, and I will always be grateful for Wayne's trust and confidence in my commitment to the Jaguars, the NFL and the people of the Jacksonville community," Khan said in a statement.

Born in Pakistan, Khan left home at age 16 to attend the University of Illinois. He graduated in 1971, a year after he started working for Flex-N-Gate Corp. in Urbana, Ill. He purchased the company in 1980. Today, Flex-N-Gate is a major manufacturer of bumper systems for pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles built in North America.

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QB CHANGE

Colts shake things up

Curtis Painter and Larry Coyer are out in Indianapolis, and it could be just the start of the changes for the winless Colts.

Coach Jim Caldwell broke up a normally quiet Tuesday by announcing that Coyer had been

fired as defensive co-ordinator and that Dan Orlovsky would replace Painter at quarterback when the Colts play at New England on Sunday. Longtime linebackers coach Mike Murphy will replace Coyer.


The moves come in the midst of a shocking 0-11 season, Indianapolis' worst start since 1986, and two days after Indy may have lost its last chance at a victory.

"It's not an easy day," Caldwell said.

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► Jaguars interim head coach Mel Tucker chats during a news conference yesterday.








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Motor

The electrical portion of the powertrain consists of the usual 60-kilowatt (80-horsepower) motor that's energized by a lithium-ion battery pack located beneath the cargo floor. That's the same spot as the standard Prius's nickel-metal-hybrid batteries. The advantage of lithium-ion technology is that it's lighter, more energy efficient and holds a charge for longer periods.

As with all Prius models, power is directed to the front wheels via a continuously variable transmission.

Charging

Beyond operating for a modest distance on electric power, the PHV can be replenished in a relatively quick 2.5-to-three hours using 120-volt household current. Toyota provides a 4.5-metre-long cable that plugs into a connection hidden behind a spring-loaded door on the passenger-side rear quarter panel. Buyers have the option of a 240-volt outlet that cuts charging time to 1.5 hours, however they will have to opt for the "Level 2" home charging station available through Toyota dealers.

Fuel efficiency

As for the all-important question of fuel consumption, Toyota claims the PHV earns the equivalent of 1.75 l/100 km on electric power alone (presumably based on typical power costs) and about 3.7 l/100 km when functioning in hybrid mode, compared with 3.7 city and 4.0 highway for a standard Prius.



▶ It looks like any other Prius because it is like any other Prius, just with more battery power for extended electric-only use.

This Prius has a bit more spark



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The Prius is the world's most successful gasoline-electric hybrid brand with more than two million copies sold since its 1997 launch. The fuel-frugal Toyota celebrates its 15th anniversary by adding a

wagon to the lineup as well as the Plug-in Hybrid, or PHV, which arrives in early 2012.

Although similar to a regular Prius, the PHV has been engineered to offer some advantages of a pure electric vehicle as well as the convenience of a typical hybrid. The result should

be significantly improved city fuel economy. For short hops, or gridlocked commuter traffic, the PHV can be driven for up to about 25 kilometres at speeds up to 100 km/h in driver-selectable electric mode. But when a heavier foot on the accelerator is called for and/or the batteries wear

down, the 98-horsepower 1.8-litre gas engine instantly kicks in and both power systems provide the necessary thrust, the same as a regular Prius model. The batteries can also be partially replenished from energy captured through braking.

Determining if the PHV is worth the extra cost will

ultimately depend on your particular driving habits, such as distance travelled and your ability to baby the throttle around town. For most people, the popular standard Prius will do just fine, while the PHV takes conserving gas and preserving the environment to a whole new level.

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This used Audi is fit for the race track

SECOND GEAR



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The 2007 to 2008 Audi RS4 might have been one of the world's foremost sleeper sedans.

Subtle and discreet styling upgrades concealed a track-tuned chassis, high-performance version of the brand's Quattro AWD system and a race-ready engine.

The RS4 Sedan was available on our shores as a 2007 or 2008 model that came with upgraded aerodynamics, brakes and suspension components.

2007 to 2008 Audi RS4



Engine

All RS4 models came just one way: with a 4.2-litre V-8 cranking out 420 horsepower en route to an 8,000 RPM redline, teamed up with AWD and a six-speed manual transmission.



What owners like

RS4's discreet, ultra-performance execution was its major draw. Performance, relative comfort handling, all-season capabilities and a semi-practical four-door body rounded out the owner-stated praise points for the RS4.



What owners dislike

Gripes commonly included limited rear-seat space, a rough ride on some surfaces and, of course, excessive fuel consumption.



Common issues

Be sure the engine on the model you're considering is cold when you first start it up, then check for blue smoke from the tailpipes. Some oil consumption with this engine is considered normal, and may be caused by an easy-to-fix crankcase ventilation system valve.

Poor performance or an inconsistent, "sputtering" feel to the power delivery could indicate a bad ignition coil pack.

Have a mechanic check for fluid leaks and ensure the shock absorbers aren't worn out or "blown".

Verdict

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China's rich have a rich taste for cars

China's superrich want supercars.

That's what the makers of world's most exotic and expensive sports cars are hoping as they gather in Macau recently for the first Asian edition of Monaco's annual Top Marques show that began eight years ago.

The supercar companies

are chasing growth in China, which is churning out scores of new millionaires each year and is home to the world's biggest auto market.

Ferraris and Lamborghinis sat alongside rare and beautiful automotive works of art from lesser known marques like Italy's Pagani, West Richland,

Wash.-based SSC and Sweden's Koenigsegg. They drew admiring looks from wealthy auto enthusiasts from China and other Asian countries.

Sales staff were hoping to sign deals with some of the 20,000 expected visitors.

One of them was Steve Chen, who built his for-

tune in China with a motivational speaking business.

He was admiring the Pagani Huayra, a \$1.1-million street rocket sheathed in carbon fibre and titanium with gull wing doors and a V-12 engine churning out 700 horsepower.

Chen was thinking of buying a Pagani or a Bugat-



► A Pagani Huayra is pictured at the Macau Supercar Show.

ti Veyron Grand Sport to add to his collection of 15 to 16 high-end cars, which he divides between his

bases in Taiwan and Shanghai.

"I go to a lot of auto shows in China. I've loved cars since I was a kid and I have been collecting many different car brands," said Chen, who opened his leather satchel to reveal keys for a Ferrari, a Lamborghini and a Rolls-Royce.

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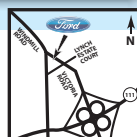
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Some retailers in the car industry are equally cre-

ative.

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Most used car dealerships will charge this fee, but not all new-car dealerships. In fact, most automakers try to police this — with mixed results. This creates the situation where dealerships in the same city, selling the same brands, might have different "admin" fee policies.

One sure thing about admin fees — buyers hate them. Extra fees are one thing, but what infuriates customers even more are when these fees are only



► As soon as you step foot on a new or used car lot, ask about any fees that will be tacked on to the vehicle's price.

brought up during the paperwork stage.

"When you sit down and see that it has been added to your last negotiated price, you can always step back from the table," says Carl Compton, executive director and registrar of OMVIC.

"If you feel it's not worth it, or not comfortable with it, restart the negotiations."

The Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council (OMVIC) is the entity that enforces Ontario's Motor Vehicle Dealers Act. Each province has its own council and respective "dealers act."

Compton notes that the council is often asked to weigh in on the legitimacy of these admin or documentation fees.

"The only thing we've been able to say is that they are almost a tradition in the industry, for dealers to charge customers for some of the overhead fees they have to deal with. You, as a consumer, should expect that it would probably be tacked on. There is nothing mandatory about it... There is nothing illegal about charging admin fees,

but there is nothing from preventing you from negotiating them out as well."

British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec all have legislation that requires dealers and/or dealer groups to disclose any mandatory fees — including admin fees — in their advertised prices.

So the take-away here, is to be aware of them right from the get go.

As soon as you step foot on a new or used car lot, ask about any fees that will be tacked on to the vehicle's price. Don't find out about them late in the car buying stage, when you're already emotionally attached to the vehicle you want to buy, and/or so emotionally drained by the buying process you'll pay that extra bit, just to make it stop.

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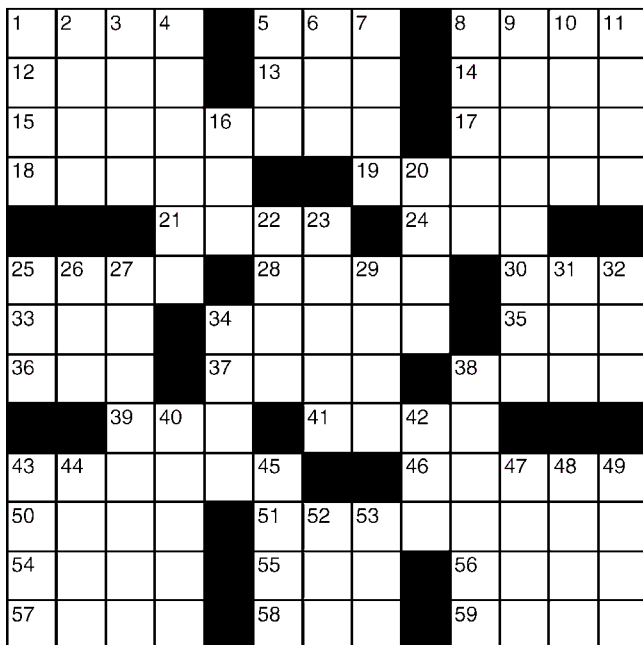
Crossword

Across

- 1 Mosque bigwig
- 5 Scale member
- 8 Equipment
- 12 Hardy cabbage
- 13 Commotion
- 14 World's fair
- 15 Went boom
- 17 Newspaper page
- 18 Supermarket section
- 19 Undergo without yielding
- 21 Exam format
- 24 Still, in verse
- 25 Make tea
- 28 Took to the skies
- 30 Festive
- 33 Actor Harrison
- 34 Animal stomachs
- 35 Away from WSW
- 36 Pump up the volume
- 37 Base runner's goal
- 38 Tosses in
- 39 Historic period
- 41 Venomous vipers
- 43 What to call an English nobleman
- 46 Puppeteer Lewis
- 50 Norway's capital
- 51 Atoned for
- 54 Coaster
- 55 Central
- 56 Fashion
- 57 Danson and Nugent
- 58 Eggs
- 59 Heroic verse

Down

- 1 Furniture store chain



- 2 Long skirt
- 3 Swiss peaks
- 4 Laid-back
- 5 Despondent
- 6 Rhyming tribute
- 7 Source of wealth
- 8 Crystal-lined rock
- 9 Obliterated
- 10 Mimic
- 11 Took the bus
- 16 "— the ramparts ..."
- 20 Information
- 22 Frizzy coiffure
- 23 Camel's cousin
- 25 Bikini half

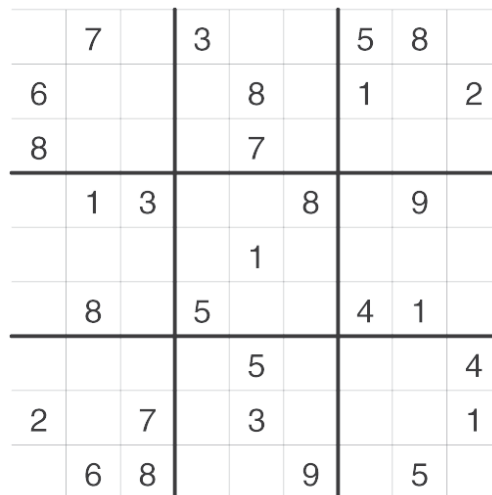
- 26 Sleep phenom
- 27 Kicked out of school
- 29 Rams fans?
- 31 Moreover
- 32 "Certainly"
- 34 Burn somewhat
- 38 Fats Domino's "Ain't That —"
- 40 Crucifixes
- 42 Omega preceder
- 43 Lion's share
- 44 Capri, for one
- 45 Showroom sample
- 47 On
- 48 Start over

- 49 Mid-month date
- 52 Louis —
- 53 BlackBerry, for ex.

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

1	8	2	5	4	6	3	9	7
6	3	9	8	7	1	5	4	2
4	7	5	2	9	3	1	8	6
9	2	3	1	5	8	7	6	4
5	6	7	3	2	4	8	1	9
8	4	1	9	6	7	2	5	3
3	9	6	7	1	5	4	2	8
7	5	4	6	8	2	9	3	1
2	1	8	4	3	9	6	7	5

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GROWLER

Hey Lady
the longest of nights, just thinking of your soft skin, and your fiery red hair.

MISTER

Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You will be focusing on mundane matters such as how to pay the bills and make ends meet today.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't let others infect you with their doom and gloom attitude. You know that misery loves company.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you don't want to get in the bad books of people you live and work with, don't second guess them.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If something that usually goes right for you starts going wrong today, it's a sign you need to think again.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 With mind planet Mercury currently moving retrograde, you must make sure you've got your facts straight.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Having second thoughts about something in which you're involved? It would be a mistake to make changes.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 What people say and what they mean will be two very different things today. It pays to be suspicious.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be at a loss to explain why certain things are happening, but don't make too big a deal of it.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

The more someone complains about what you are doing, the more you will do it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

If you're the kind of Capricorn who learns from your mistakes, you will learn a lot over the next 24 hours.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You will have a hard time convincing people today. Live and let live.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. The more people make an issue of something that doesn't bother you, the more necessary it is to distance yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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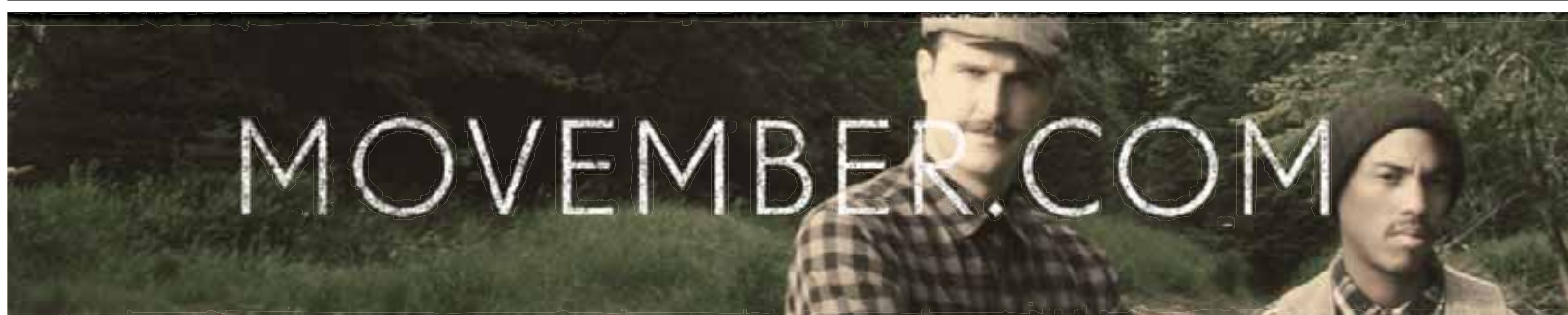


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